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SUBJ: ILO 63RD INTERNATIONAL LABOR CONFERENCE

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1. BELOW IS BIO DATA FOR PNG DELEGATION TO ILO CONFERENCE:

A. PRINCIPAL GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE: KIPLING UIARI,
SECRETARY OF LABOR.
EDUCATION: HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL IN PAPUA NEW GUINEA
AGE: 34, BORN IN NORTHERN PROVINCE

MARRIED, WITH THREE CHILDREN
ENGLISH; GOOD
TRAVELED ON PARTIAL INTERNATIONAL VISITORS GRANT TO HAWAII
IN APRIL 1976. ATTENDED PAST ILO CONFERENCE IN 1973 AS
OBSERVER.

B. DEPUTY GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE: HENRY AITSI,
INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OFFICER AND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR OFFICER
RESPONSIBLE FOR ILO MATTERS. ATTEND LAST ILO CONFERENCE.
EDUCATION: SECONDARY HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA IN PUBLIC
ADMINISTRATION FROM THE ADMINISTRATIVE COLLEGE; 2-MONTH
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COURSE IN CANBERRA ON LABOR RELATIONS; 3-MONTH COURSE
INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC ADMINISTRATION IN SYDNEY.
BORN IN CENTRAL PROVINCE IN 1946.
MARRIED, WITH THREE CHILDREN.

C. ADVISOR TO PNG EMPLOYEES REPRESENTATIVE: PAUL ARNOLD,
INDUSTRIAL ADVOCATE, PAST RESEARCH OFFICER WITH PUBLIC

SERVICE ASSOCIATION. ATTENDED LAST ILO CONFERENCE AS EMPLOYEE REP. IS THE MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE OF PNG DEL ABOUT ILO MATTERS. CURRENTLY ACTING GEN SECRETARY PUBLIC SERVICE ASSN (GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES' UNION).
EDUCATION: ST. MARY'S VUVU CHANNEL COLLEGE, ATTENDED UPNG. COURSES IN COOPERATIVES AND LABOR MANAGEMENT IN TEL AVIV. BORN AT TAGITAGI VILLAGE, EAST NEW BRITAIN PROVINCE IN 1952. MARRIED.

D. PNG EMPLOYEES REPRESENTATIVE: GAROA GOMARA, PROVINCIAL COMMISSIONER, NATIONAL CAPITAL PROVINCE. MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION (UNION OF GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES). IS NEW TO ILO ISSUES.
EDUCATION: RECEIVED SECONDARY EDUCATION IN PNG
BORN: FEB 18, 1945
MARRIED, WITH TWO CHILDREN

E. PNG EMPLOYERS ORGANIZATION REPRESENTATIVE: NANA TAU, INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS OFFICER WITH EMPLOYERS FEDERATION, HAS BEEN WITH THEM SINCE 1974. IN 1975, ATTENDED ILO CONFERENCE IN GENEVA AS AN OBSERVER.
EDUCATION: SECONDARY EDUCATION IN PNG. STUDIED LAW FOR TWO YEARS AT UPNG. ATTENDED 3-MONTH COURSE IN AUSTRALIA INDUSTRIAL RELATIONS RUN BY THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT. BORN 1952.
MARRIED, WITH TWO CHILDREN.

2. WE HAVE CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE AND DETAILED DISCUSSIONS OF ISSUES OUTLINED REFTELS WITH SEC FOREIGN AFFAIRS TONY
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SIAGURU, DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REP COVERING ILO HENRY AITSI, ACTING SEC GEN PUBLIC SERVICE ASSOCIATION PAUL ARNOLD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR PNG EMPLOYEES FEDERATION MAURY WELLS, EMPLOYER ORGANIZATION REP TO ILO CONFERENCE NANA TAU AND PRINCIPAL RESEARCH OFFICER TO SIR MAORI KIKI. AMBASSADOR IS SEEKING APPOINTMENT WITH SEC LEABOR KIPPLING UIARI SOONEST. APUL ARNOLD, WHO WILL ATTEND CONFERENCE AS ADVISOR, WILL BRIEF GAROA GOMARA, EMPLOYEES REP TO ILO CONFERENCE, WHO IS NEW TO ILO ISSUES. IN ADDITION TO VERBAL DEMARCHE, WE PRESENTED TO EACH DETAILED DIPLOMATIC NOTE RE ISSUES AND COPY OF 1975 KISSINGER LETTER.

3. EMPLOYERS ASSOCIATION REP STATES HE ACCEPTS OUR POSITION IN PRINCIPLE BUT MUST SOLICIT VIEWS OF ASSOCIATION EXECUTIVE BEFORE COMMITTING EMPLOYERS TO SUPPORT U.S. POSITIONS.

4. EMPLOYEE REP GOMARA IS NEW TO ILO ISSUES, BUT ARNOLD, WHO WILL ACT AS EMPLOYEE REP ADVISOR AT GENEVA, INDICATED HE PERSONALLY INCLINED ACCEPT USG POSITIONS BUT WOULD HAVE TO

CONSULT WITH GPNG REPS AND UNION CHIEFS BEFORE MAKING
COMMITMENT.

5. AITSI, PNG DEPT OF LABOR, WHO WILL SERVE AS DEPUTY
GOVERNMENT REP AT ILO CONFERENCE, WAS NON-COMMITTAL PENDING
COORDINATION WITH FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HE GENERALLY
DESIROUS SEEING ILO DIRECT EFFORTS TOWARDS TECHNICAL LABOR
ISSUES RATHER THAN EXTRANEIOUS POLITICAL QUESTIONS. BOTH
HE AND ARNOLD, WHO ATTENDED LAST ILO CONFERENCE, WERE
DISTURBED BY EXTENT OF POLITICAL RHETORIC.

6. SIAGURU, DFAT, STATED GPNG WILL SUPPORT USG POSITION RE
1974 ISRAEL RESOLUTION BUT WAS NON-COMMITTAL RE OTHER
MATTERS PENDING FULL GPNG REVIEW.

7. OUR DEMARCHE HAS RESULTED IN PNG FOCUSING, PROBABLY
FOR FIRST TIME, ON COMPLEXITY OF ISSUES INVOLVED AND
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IMPORTANCE OF FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE. THIS SHOULD RESULT
IN FULL REVIEW OF PNG POSITION PRIOR TO CONFERENCE. WE
WILL REPORT ASSESSMENT GPNG POSITION TO DEGREE IT IS
AVAILABLE WHEN SAND WE HAVE KICKED UP SETTLES. SUGGEST
USG DEL TO GENEVA MAKE IT A POINT TO FOLLOW UP AND IN
LOW-KEY FASHION CONTINUE TO PRESS OUR VIEWS.
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